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MISSION OFFICER DISCUSSED FORTHCOMING ELECTION AT LENGTH WITH SAIGON MAYOR VAN VAN CUA AUGUST 22. MAYOR INFORMED HIM THAT IN SAIGON-CHOLON SIXTY PERCENT OF VOTER CARDS HAD ALREADY BEEN ISSUED. PACE IS FAR AHEAD OF THAT FOR LAST YEAR'S CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY ELECTION. AS FOR VOTER TURNOUT, MAYOR HOPES TO SEE NINETY PERCENT OF POTENTIAL VOTERS ACTUALLY GOING TO THE POLLS. (LAST YEAR'S PERCENTAGE FOR SAIGON-CHOLON WAS 66 PERCENT.) CUA ADMITTED THAT HE HAS RUN

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INFORMAL GALLUP POLL IN SAIGON, AS HE DID LAST YEAR BEFORE THE ELECTION, AND AS OF THE MOMENT HE SEES VOTE GOING THIS WAY: THIEU-KY 25-30 PERCENT; HUONG AND SUU, APPROXIMATELY 20 PERCENT EACH; 30-35 PERCENT DIVIDED AMONG REMAINING CANDIDATES. MAYOR'S MAJOR CONCERN JUST NOW IS THAT VOTING HOURS BE LENGTHENED

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BY AT LEAST TWO HOURS. IF THIS IS NOT DONE, HE FEARS THAT MANY WHO WISH TO VOTE WILL JUST NOT HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO.

(NOTE: ASSEMBLY PLANS TO DEBATE EXTENSION OF VOTING HOURS AT AUGUST 28 SESSION.)

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